

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please CANCEL claims 6 and 17, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly comprising:
  - electrodes formed on a substrate,
  - a dielectric layer covering the electrodes, and
  - a protective layer covering the dielectric layer and in contact with a discharge space,wherein
  - the protective layer includes MgO and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an Al compound, a ~~Ti~~ compound, a Y compound, a Zn compound, a Zr compound, a Ta compound and SiC having an ultraviolet shielding function, and
  - the dielectric layer is a CVD film.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 1, wherein the protective layer comprises a layer which shields from light having a wavelength of 200 nm or less.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 1, wherein said at least one compound is a compound having a bandgap of 6.2 eV.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 1, wherein the dielectric layer contains a CVD-SiO<sub>2</sub>.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly comprising:
  - electrodes formed on a substrate,
  - a dielectric layer formed on the substrate so as to cover the electrodes and made of a CVD film,
  - an ultraviolet shielding layer formed on the dielectric layer and made of a compound having an ultraviolet shielding function, the compound being selected from the group consisting of an Al compound, a Y compound, a Zn compound, a Zr compound, a Ta compound and SiC, and

a protective layer formed on the ultraviolet shielding layer and made of MgO.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 5, wherein the ultraviolet shielding layer shields from light having a wavelength of 200 nm or less.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 5, wherein the dielectric layer contains a CVD-SiO<sub>2</sub>.

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14. (ORIGINAL) An AC type gas discharge panel using the gas discharge panel substrate assembly as disclosed in claim 1 as a gas discharge panel substrate assembly in the front side.

15. (ORIGINAL) An AC type gas discharge panel using the gas discharge panel substrate assembly as disclosed in claim 5 as a gas discharge panel substrate assembly in the front side.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly comprising:

electrodes formed on a glass substrate;

a dielectric layer made of a sheet frit glass formed on the substrate by baking;

an intermediate layer formed on the dielectric layer and shielding vacuum ultraviolet light from a discharge space, the intermediate layer being made of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an Al compound, a Y compound, a Zn compound, a Zr compound, a Ta compound and SiC; and

a protective layer covering the intermediate layer and made of MgO.

17. (CANCELED)

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A gas discharge panel substrate assembly of claim 16, wherein the intermediate layer is a  $ZrO_2$  layer.